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To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the High School Gymnasium on Pond Street in said Sharon, on Monday the Seventh day of March A.D. 1960, at 12:00 M, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers as by law are required to be elected by ballot, and on the ballot prepared by the Town Clerk; to wit: Moderator, One Year; One Selectman, Three Years; One Member, Board of Public Welfare, Three Years; One Assessor, Three Years; One Member, Board of Health, Three Years; Two Members, School Committee, Three Years; Two Trustees Public Library, Three Years; Two Members Planning Board, Three Years; One Member Planning Board, One Year; Three Constables, One Year; and to determine any questions as by law are required to be determined by ballot, to wit: Shall the town accept the pertinent provisions of Chapter 31 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, "Ter. Ed.", with respect to the labor service of the town?

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

A vote *NO* is recommended by the Warrant Committee.

This referendum if passed will place certain town employees under Civil Service.

In 1959, the Town voted a Personnel By-Law, with a Board to continuously administer and improve a personnel relations program. The Personnel Board is composed of local citizens, familiar with local problems, and working for the best interests of the townspeople. Adoption of this referendum will destroy much of the gains already made for our town employees. Further, Civil Service simply means increased control of Sharon's internal affairs by the Commonwealth.

The Warrant Committee has discussed this problem with the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Personnel Board. All concur with our recommendation: That the Town vote NO in this referendum, since adoption will not serve the best interests of the Town.

★ ***Recommendations in black face type are those of the Warrant Committee.***

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The Polls will be open at 12:00 o'clock Noon and shall be closed at 8:00 o'clock P.M. of said day.

The following articles will be acted on at the business session of this meeting, to be held by adjournment on the second Monday in March at 8 o'clock P.M., at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street.

Article 2. To hear the record of the Donors to the Sharon Friends School Fund, and to choose Trustees of the School Funds and other officers not on the official ballot.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To choose four members of the Warrant Committee for three years and to fill any vacancies on said Committee.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To act upon the reports as printed and to hear any other reports and to act thereon.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To fix the compensation of elected officers, provide for a Reserve Fund, and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1960 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption as a routine article.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time on or after January 1, 1961, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1961, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption as a routine article.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to give the same power to the Collector of Taxes as the Town Treasurer has when he is appointed Collector of Taxes.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption as a routine article.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund.

Town Accountant

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $25,000 from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Town Accountant

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $3,000 from available funds. An additional $6,000 represents the state and county share for Chapter 90 Maintenance and will be made available to the town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Town Accountant

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $5,500 from available funds. An additional $16,500 represents the state and county share for Chapter 90 Highway Construction and will be made available to the town.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way West Street as laid out by the Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $450 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Reynolds Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $60 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Bruce Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $60 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the completion

of West Street, Bruce Avenue, and Reynolds Avenue, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the use of $5,700 now in the town treasury, which was forfeited for this purpose by the developer.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Morse Street as laid out by the Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $915 for legal expenses and the setting of bounds.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the completion of Laurel Road, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the use of $2,110 now in the town treasury, which was forfeited for this purpose by the developer.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the laying out of streets in the Town, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $2,000 from available funds.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the installation of new street lights, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $369 from available funds for the installation of 14 lights:

8 on West Street
1 on South Main Street
3 on Pond Street
1 on Old Post Road
1 on North Main Street

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, a sum of money to extend the water main on Mountain Street from its present terminus, a distance of 1500 feet, more or less, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption, the assessment of betterments, and the transfer of $12,000 from available funds, on the basis that this extension of water mains is another step in the Selectmen's Capital

Improvements Program for the water system of the town. While there are only four takers along this section of Mountain Street and thus little economic justification, we feel it is the wish of the town, expressed at past Town Meetings, to continue a planned expansion of water services.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, a sum of money to extend the water main on Bay Road from East Street, a distance of 9,792 feet, more or less, or any lesser distance, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $15,500 from available funds to extend the main approximately 2100 feet from East Street to Chemung Street. Installation of this larger pipe will continue the Selectmen's Capital Improvements Program for the water system, improve existing service, provide for planned new development in the area, and permit future expansion of the system. Further extension at an additional cost of $60,000 is not warranted at this time.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to purchase additional water meters to complete the installation program started in 1956, appropriate a sum of money for same, to be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by borrowing under Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption on the basis of the original five year program and the transfer of $17,951 from available funds. This sum is sufficient to complete the program. It provides for the purchase and installation of 375 meters in the homes presently without them, and also for the purchase of 125 additional meters to be used as they become necessary. We understand the installation will be completed and that water will be metered throughout the town on or about July 1, 1960.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for the Department of Public Works, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $10,400 from available funds for the purchase of a new pickup truck ($2,000 with turn in of used pickup truck), an industrial tractor ($6,400), and a 1½-2 ton sidewalk roller ($2,000 with turn in of used roller). The truck and roller are replacements for worn out equipment. The industrial tractor is a versatile piece of equipment capable of digging, loading, removing snow, mowing and cutting brush.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for maintenance of the surfaced

area on Town owned property near the railroad station, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $750 from available funds for the maintenance of the town owned parking facilities near the railroad station. No new area is to be surfaced at this time.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to construct an addition to the present fire station, and to raise and appropriate or to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum or sums of money to plan and construct said addition to the fire station or to act in any way relating thereto.

Carl H. Whittier

We recommend no action. Eventual expansion is desirable, but we feel other capital expenditures merit higher priority at this time, and this addition is estimated to cost $45,000.

Article 26. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Library with respect to the preparation of working plans for an addition to the Sharon Public Library Building and to act thereon.

Trustees of the Library

We recommend adoption. At the last annual Town Meeting the Trustees of the Library were authorized to prepare working plans for construction of an addition to the Sharon Public Library building. Their report is material to consideration of Articles 27 and 28.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept from and convey to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company land located adjacent to the boundary between the property of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at 11 High Street and that of the Town of Sharon occupied by the Sharon Public Library, raise and appropriate a sum of money for legal fees relating thereto or act in any way relating thereto.

Trustees of the Library

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $200 from available funds for legal expenses. This equivalent exchange of land will adjust the property line to the mutual benefit of the town and the telephone company.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to construct an addition to the Sharon Public Library Building in accordance with plans presented by the Trustees of the Library, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or provide by borrowing under Chapter 44, of the General Laws, a sum of money for the same, or take any action pertaining thereto.

Trustees of the Library

We recommend adoption with the transfer of $18,230 from available funds and the appropriation of $46,770 for the construction of an addition to the Sharon Public Library building in accordance with the plans and specifications presented by the Trustees of

the Library. The Warrant Committee is generally opposed to large capital expenditures for programs not of immediate necessity until the town debt is significantly decreased. However, we recognize that the Library expansion will not only improve present services for both adults and children of the town, but will represent a desirable long range investment. Since this expenditure can be made this year without borrowing or without unduly increasing the tax rate, we endorse it.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 740 of the Acts of 1950: "An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees."

Maurice F. Kelley

We recommend adoption. Similar deductions are now being made by the Town Treasurer.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purchase of an accounting machine for the Assessors', Collector's, Treasurer's and Accountant's departments, or take any action relating thereto.

Tax Collector
Board of Assessors
Town Treasurer
Town Accountant

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $6,335 from available funds for the purchase of a municipal accounting machine. The growth of the town has increased the volume of business operations in the Collector's, Assessors', Treasurer's, and Accountant's Departments. The Committee feels that the reduced labor costs effected by this machine over a period of years together with the increased operating efficiency will justify this expenditure.

Article 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of compensating one of the assessors for engineering services in connection with the duties of the assessors, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Assessors

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $500 from available funds to recompense Mr. Biggs for special additional mapping services he is providing for the Board of Assessors which are not reflected in his present salary.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift, to purchase or to take by eminent domain the fee in a parcel of land off South Main Street for the purpose of providing convenient access to other land owned by the Town, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the same, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $125 from available funds for legal expenses. Acquisition of this small parcel will provide better access to the town gravel pit.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution: "Be it resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the school committee shall each year flood the baseball field or any suitable area on the high school grounds and maintain the area so flooded for ice skating for all residents," or act in any way relating thereto.

Beatrice G. Slafsky

The Warrant Committee will move to amend this article as follows: "Be it resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the town shall flood the High School baseball field or other suitable area, and maintain the area so flooded for skating for all residents, and that the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three persons to supervise this activity, and put it into operation for the 1960-61 season."

If this motion is adopted, the Warrant Committee will make an appropriate motion to transfer $2,700 from available funds to the Public Parks budget to cover the costs of construction, lighting, and maintenance.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Personnel Compensation By-Law of 1959" as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

(a) Strike "Head Librarian" from Section 1.500; and the pay range "$3500.00 - $4000.00 per year" from Section 2.500; both of Title VIII: and to add the position title "Managing Librarian" to Job Group A.T.P.-7 of Section 1.100 of Title VIII:

(b) Strike "Children's Librarian" from Section 1.500; and the pay range "$3250.00 - $3750.00 per year" from Section 2.500; both of Title VIII: and to add the position title "Children's Librarian" to Job Group A.T.P.-9 of Section 1.100 of Title VIII: and to add to Section 2.100 of Title VIII the qualification "a part time position shall be paid pro rata in the same proportion to full pay as its weekly hours are to the normal work week of the department."

(c) Add the position title "Special Librarian" to Section 1.500; and add the pay $4000.00 per year to Section 2.500 of Title VIII:

(d) Add the position title "Land Surveyor" to Job Group A.T.P.-8 of Section 1.100 of Title VIII;

(e) To Title VIII, Section 2.200, Code I.T.S.-4, Step 4, insert the rate $2.15 per hour, and Step 6, insert the rate $2.25 per hour.

(f) To Title XI, Section 1.000, add the following definition: "Department Head"; the actual operating head in direct executive or supervisory charge of a department, and not the general governing or policy board to whom that Department Head reports.

(g) To Title VIII, add Section 4.500 as follows: "The customary normal, regular work week for a Department as to both hours and

days shall be that which was first filed and stated to the Personnel Board pursuant to Section 4.400 of Title VIII after the adoption of the Personnel Compensation By-Law of 1959; and, except as provided for in Title II, Section 6.100, that work week shall not be altered except with the approval of the Personnel Board.

(h) To Title XI, Section 1.000, add the following definition: "length of work week"; the hours and the number of days of a week; or, the hours or the number of days of a week; which constitute an employee's work week."

(i) To Title II, add Section 6.111 as follows: "any modification which alters the length of the work week in respect to either days or hours for more than two consecutive calendar weeks, except for paid vacations or lay-offs for lack of work or disciplinary effect, shall be deemed a permanent alteration of the length of the work week as used in Section 6.110 of this Title II."

(j) Add the position title "Working Foreman" to Job Group ITS-3 of Section 1.200 of Title VIII.

(k) Strike all of Section 3.200 of Title VIII and substitute therefor the following: "Section 3.200. *Vacations.* The following annual vacations with pay will be granted to regular full-time employees: Two (2) weeks after thirty (30) weeks employment in the aggregate during the twelve (12) months preceding the first day of June in the vacation year; Three (3) weeks after the completion of ten (10) years of continuous active full-time employment prior to the first day of June in the vacation year."

(l) Strike from Section 3.400 of Title VIII the words "one-half day", and substitute therefor the words "five-sixth's day," and strike the words "sixty (60) days" and substitute therefor the words "sixty-five (65) days."

(m) Add to Section 3.310 of Title VIII the following: Policemen, firemen, and station attendants shall be paid for regular time plus holiday pay whenever a holiday falls on a regularly scheduled work-day, but shall be paid only for regular time when a holiday falls on a regularly scheduled day off.

Personnel Board

We recommend no action on amendments (f), (g), (h) and (i). We feel that these amendments place the Personnel Board, whose members are appointed, in the position of directly administering the internal affairs of town departments. This would restrict the authority of elected town officials who have the responsibility for managing their departments. We further believe these particular amendments are contrary to the intent of the Town when it adopted the Personnel Compensation By-Law.

We recommend adoption of amendments (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (j), (k), (l) and (m) since we consider these a part of the Personnel Board's continuing program of improving and up-dating the Personnel Compensation By-Law.

If amendment (k) is adopted the Warrant Committee will make an appropriate motion to transfer the amounts as shown below to cover this provision for the year 1960:

Police Dept.	**$ 260.25**
Library	**100.47**
Highway Dept.	**835.00**
Welfare Dept.	**65.00**
Total	**$1,260.72**

and similarly if amendment (m) is adopted we will move to transfer from available funds the following:

Police Dept.	**$1,570.00**
Fire Dept.	**423.90**
Total	**$1,993.90**

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept a bequest from the estate of Edward H. Talbot to be held in trust, the income therefrom to be used for the care and maintenance of the two soldiers' monuments, given by him, in Rockridge Cemetery, and for the purchase of flags for the poles of said monuments, and instruct the Moderator to appoint three trustees to administer this fund, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend that the town accept with appreciation Mr. Talbot's bequest as stated.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 228 of the Acts of 1959. An act establishing a minimum annual compensation for police officers in certain cities and towns.

Richard W. Jones

We recommend no action. Last year the Job Classification Committee, together with their consultant made a survey of jobs and wages. The result of this survey was the enactment by the town of the "Personnel Compensation By-Law." Wages as set therein are fair and competitive in relation to towns similar to Sharon.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to continue the School Building Expansion Committee, appropriate a sum of money for its use, or act in any way relating thereto.

School Committee

We recommend the continuance of the Committee and the transfer of $1,000 from available funds to cover the cost of surveys and other investigations of the Committee.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, or take by eminent domain, the fee in a parcel of land located on Mountain Street, which parcel is approximately twenty (20) acres of land on the southeasterly end of the present Leary property, for municipal purposes, said purposes being to provide a site for a new school building, and raise and

appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or take any action relating thereto.

School Building Expansion Committee

We recommend no action. The final cost to the town of a taking by Eminent Domain, plus extensive costs to properly prepare and develop this extremely rough area for school use, appears excessive. In addition, close proximity to the Town Dump, necessity for widening and improving access streets, and associated problems will further increase the final cost. We feel the proposed purchase is unwarranted at this time.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept a bequest of $25,000 under the will of Henry P. Kendall, the income and principal to be used for the development of a master or study plan for the general improvement of the Town, or the carrying out of the same, authorize and instruct the Town Treasurer to invest and reinvest the said sum, and to expend the income and principal for the above purposes as directed by the Planning Board, or act in any way relating thereto.

The Planning Board

We recommend that the town accept with appreciation Mr. Kendall's bequest as stated. The allocation and manner of administration of this bequest, as stated in the article, were specified in the will of Mr. Kendall and will benefit a project which was of considerable personal interest to him and will be of value to the town.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law as follows:

1. By striking Section 1 therefrom and substituting therefor the following; "Section 1. Establishment of Districts.

   For the purposes of the By-Law, the Town of Sharon is hereby divided into six classes of districts to be known as:

   (1) Single Residence Districts Rural
   (2) Single Residence Districts A
   (3) Single Residence Districts B
   (4) General Residence Districts
   (5) Business Districts
   (6) Light Industrial Districts

   The boundaries of the districts shall be the boundary lines shown on the map accompanying this By-Law entitled "Town of Sharon, Massachusetts — Zoning Map", dated January, 1960, prepared by and bearing the signatures of the Planning Board, and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, which map is hereby made a part of this By-Law. The location of these boundary lines is further determined in Section 16".

2. By striking Section 13 therefrom and substituting therefor the following:

   "Section 13. Single Residence Districts.
   (A) In the Single Residence Districts Rural, there shall be provided for each dwelling hereafter constructed a lot containing not less than one

hundred thousand (100,000) square feet and having a width of not less than two hundred (200) feet.

In the Single Residence Districts A, there shall be provided for each dwelling hereafter constructed a lot containing not less than forty thousand (40,000) square feet and having a width of not less than one hundred and fifty feet (150) feet.

In the Single Residence Districts B, there shall be provided for each dwelling hereafter constructed a lot containing not less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet and having a width of not less than one hundred (100) feet.

The Planning Board

We recommend no action. The Committee feels that the limitations imposed upon the property owners in the area involved are unnecessary. We also believe that the present 40,000 square feet requirement in the specified areas is adequate and reasonable, and that increasing the requirement to 100,000 square feet is not justified at this time.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding to Section 13 Paragraph (B) as follows:

"(B) In the single residence districts an owner of a tract of land having an area not less than fifty (50) acres may, in connection with the submission of a preliminary subdivision plan in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 81A to 81GG, as amended, of the General Laws and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board, make application to the Board of Appeal for exception from the lot area and lot width requirements of Paragraph (A) and the Board of Appeal may grant after hearing, such exception provided that:

1. The Board of Appeal receives from the Planning Board a report in writing within fifteen (15) days of the date of hearing indicating the findings and recommendations of said Planning Board with respect to the proposed subdivision and that such exception is in conformity with a general or comprehensive plan for the Town;

2. every dwelling to be constructed in such subdivision shall be provided a lot containing not less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet and having a width of not less than one hundred (100) feet;

3. that the number of dwellings to be constructed shall not exceed the number that would be permitted if no exception were to be granted;

4. that land area not required for the construction of dwellings through the granting of such exception shall be set aside and dedicated to the Town of Sharon for park or recreational purposes; and

5. that the granting of such exception shall not in any way derogate from the intent of this By-Law nor the public health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants of the Town.

Permit for such exception may be issued by the Board of Appeal and may be subject to appropriate conditions, limitations, and safeguards which shall be in writing and made a part of the permit."

The Planning Board

We recommend no action. It is our opinion that this Article violates the basic intent of our present zoning laws. It concentrates excessive authority in the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals. Further it imposes a penalty upon the small landowner, and could lead to the town acquiring property for which additional continuing expense would be incurred.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to be known as the Town Sewer Study Committee and to be made up of five members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen, one of whom shall be a member of the Warrant Committee, one of whom shall be a member of the Planning Board, said members to be chosen by their respective board or committee, and two members to be appointed by the Moderator; said committee to be appointed for the purpose of studying the needs and requirements for a public sewer system throughout the Town or any part or parts thereof, and to study the necessary procedures for procuring the installation of such system including the procedures for procuring available financial assistance from the state or federal governments and the procedures for participating in the sewer district of the Metropolitan District Commission, and to engage necessary professional or other assistance as required for carrying out the purpose of said committee; said committee to report to the next Annual Town Meeting the results of its findings and recommendations; and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the expenses of said committee, or take any action relating thereto.

The Planning Board

We recommend adoption in part. Although we agree that some investigation is desirable, it is felt that the initial studies should be more preliminary. We intend to move the following rewording of this Article:

That the Town establish a committee to be known as the Sanitary Drainage Study Committee, to be made up of five members as follows: one from the Board of Selectmen, one from the Warrant Committee, one from the Planning Board, said members to be chosen by their respective board or committee; and two members to be chosen by the Moderator: said committee to be established for the purpose of studying the general problems of sanitary drainage throughout the town and determining methods for alleviation of specific problems, and to report to the next annual Town Meeting the results of its findings and recommendations; and to transfer from available funds the sum of $200 for the expenses of said committee.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purchase and equipping of a new town ambulance, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $9,500 from available funds for this purpose. A survey of Sharon's doctors indicates that the majority feel the present ambulance is inadequate for

proper treatment, and that transporting patients with certain illnesses in this vehicle is hazardous. We suggest that if the town approves this article that the Selectmen consult our town doctors to assist in the purchase of the most suitable new ambulance and equipment.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the installation of a water main on Deerfield Road, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $7,540. This article was proposed because the developer of the end of Deerfield Road is soon to install 1500 feet of 8 inch water main as part of his work. The Consultant for the Selectmen has determined it to be feasible to use this section as part of a feeder to a future standpipe in the area. In this case a 10 inch pipe would be required and the town would pay the difference to the developer for furnishing and installing the larger pipe. In addition to the differential cost of the 1500 feet this project also includes the entire cost of an additional 425 feet of 10 inch pipe which is advisable to install now because of paving work to be done in the area.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote that the appropriations made by this Annual Town Meeting, together with all lawful sums to be paid this year, be raised by a tax upon the polls and property of the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon and the Taxable property of non-residents, or be transferred from available funds, and that the sum received from the State Income Tax on intangible property be deducted from the gross appropriations for the year, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption as a routine article.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-laws.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 14th day of January A.D. 1960.

ARNOLD D. BARTON
LAWRENCE E. PECK
MANUEL KATZ
Selectmen of Sharon

A true copy. Attest: BERNARD F. COFFEY, Constable
Town of Sharon, Massachusetts, January 14, 1960

REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

To the Voters of Sharon:

Our large bonded indebtedness continues to dictate the policy of the Warrant Committee. Our per-capita debt is two to three times that of the average town in the Commonwealth. The yearly payments of principal and interest mean we must either pay higher taxes or get along with fewer municipal services.

This year we anticipate that our tax rate will be divided approximately as follows:

$ 9 — to pay this year's installment on our debt
$36 — to operate our schools
$19 — to operate the Town Departments and pay for Special Projects

$64 Total

Thus if it were not for our debt we could reduce the tax rate or increase our municipal services by almost 50 per cent for the same tax rate that we are presently paying.

Our recommendations this year for both the departmental operating budgets and for the special articles reflect the following policies:

1. Provide for the health, welfare and safety of the townspeople.

2. Maintain the present level of municipal services.

3. Maintain our physical plant and equipment to prevent more costly repairs later.

4. Limit our improvements to those items which do not put us deeper in debt or which do not raise the tax rate an unreasonable amount.

This year the various town departments, including the school department, sought approval of $1,917,310 for their 1960 operating budgets. The money sought under Special Articles amounted to approximately $300,000.

Exclusive of schools, the most significant of the proposed increases in the operating budgets, in round figures were:

Town Hall up by	$ 3,000
Highway Department	20,000
Sidewalk Construction	9,000
Disability Assistance	2,500
Library	4,900
Water Department	11,500
	$50,900

The School Committee this year requested $94,000 above the 1959 appropriation with the breakdown of the major increases as follows:

Teachers' salaries (New teachers plus last year's voted salary increase for 2/3rds of a year and this year's proposed salary increase for 1/3rd of a year) up by $78,000

Other expenses of Instruction (Principal's expense, text books, supplies, etc. up by	7,000
Operation and Maintenance up by	3,000
	$88,000

The Warrant Committee has studied the school budget with a great deal of care and has concluded that the schools are efficiently and economically run within the School Committee's concept of proper education of the children. In addition, we have discussed the financial position of the town with the committee and feel that our comments in this respect have received consideration.

The major Special Articles requested include water main installations, an addition to the library, an addition to the fire station, completion of the water meter installation program, purchase of a school site, purchase of road construction equipment, purchase of a new ambulance, and zoning for 100,000 square foot lots over about one-quarter of the town. We feel that our comments under these Articles are complete and will answer further questions at our open meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 9, 1960 in the auditorium of the Sharon High School.

Following the policies previously expressed, we are recommending $1,867,-116 for Article 5 and $165,310 for the Special Articles. The reductions made in arriving at these totals have generally been understandingly received by the department heads concerned.

The result — we estimate a tax rate of $64.50 per thousand, or an increase of $2 per thousand over that of last year. Each increase of $22,200 in expense will raise the tax rate $1 per thousand.

We thank the Town Officials and Committees for their assistance and cooperation.

CHAPTER 70, GENERAL LAWS
TITLE: SCHOOL FUNDS AND STATE AID FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Item No.			
1.	Total appropriation (s) for the support of schools recommended by the Finance Committee for the current year.		$946,104.00
2.	Estimate of School Aid and State reimbursement.	$131,680.00	
3.	Estimate of other non-tax receipts on account of school support (tuitions, sale of supplies, etc.).	12,580.00	
4.	Total receipts on account of school support from all sources except local taxation (sum of item 2 and 3).		144,260.00
5.	Amount to be raised from local taxation for the support of schools (subtract item 4 from item 1).		$801,844.00

WARRANT COMMITTEE'S
COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATED TAX RATE
(With 1959 figures shown to permit comparison)

	1959		1960	
Total Appropriations to be raised by taxation	$1,792,376.01		$1,921,426.00	
Total Appropriations voted to be taken from available funds	92,277.52	$1,884,653.53	111,000.00	$2,032,426.00
STATE: Tax and Assessments:				
1. State Parks and Reservations	$ 3,866.22		$ 3,578.00	
2. State Audit of Municipal Accts.	1,311.68		1,142.00	
3. Mosquito Control	5,040.12	10,218.02	5,445.00	10,165.00
COUNTY: Tax Assessments:				
1. County Tax	$ 19,930.21		$ 19,060.00	
2. Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	8,523.55	28,453.76	6,026.00	25,086.00
OVERLAY OF Current Year		45,000.00		45,000.00
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		$1,968,325.31		$2,112,677.00
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS				
1. Income Tax				
2. Corp. Tax	$ 125,721.78		$ 154,114.00	
3. Old Age Tax (Meals)				
4. Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	144,000.00		140.000.00	
5. Licenses	497.50			
6. General Government	529.79		1,300.00	
7. Protection of Persons and Property	3,579.50		4,572.00	
8. Health and Sanitation	1,020.21		951.00	
9. Highways	290.00		314.00	
10. Charities (other than federal grants)	30,242.17		29,849.00	
11. Veterans' Services	2,410.08		3,204.00	
12. School (Funds from Income Tax not included)	140,586.11		149,628.00	
13. Library	978.24		1,105.00	
14. Recreation	6,757.00		6,117.00	
15. Public Services Enterprises (Water)	69,355.90		74,103.00	
16. Interest	7,520.46		2,045.00	
17. Farm Animal Excise	75.00		88.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	$ 533,563.74		$ 567,390.00	
Poll Taxes			5,368.00	
			$ 572,758.00	
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	$ 92,277.52	$ 625,841.26	$ 111,000.00	683,758.00
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY		$1,342,484.05		$1,428,919.00
TOTAL VALUATION	$21,488,000.00		$22,200,000.00	
TAX RATE	Actual $62.50		Estimated	$64.50

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS
RECAPITULATION OF ARTICLE 5
COMPARISONS OF RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

	1959 Appropriations	1959 Expenditures	1960 Recommended	Increase from 1959 Appropriation	Decrease from 1959 Appropriation
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator	$ 60.00	$ 60.00	$ 60.00		
Warrant Committee	899.00	788.90	621.00		$ 278.00
Selectmen	3,265.00	2,256.38	3,150.00		115.00
Accounting	5,757.00	6,388.79	7,042.00	$ 1,285.00	
Treasurer	8,747.00	9,166.01	9,879.00	1,132.00	
Tax Collector	10,495.00	11,077.31	11,679.00	1,184.00	
Assessors	10,629.85	10,041.71	9,918.00		711.85
Law	200.00	200.00	200.00		
Town Clerk	5,674.00	5,774.00	5,628.00		46.00
Elections, Registrations, Town Meetings	5,251.00	5,198.13	7,413.00	2,162.00	
Town Hall	6,050.00	6,033.01	9,000.00	2,950.00	
Board of Appeal	1,000.00	895.18	1,000.00		
Planning Board	3,815.00	3,715.13	4,780.00	965.00	
Personnel Board	500.00	487.30	650.00	150.00	
Total Gen. Govt.	$ 62,342.85	$ 62,081.85	$ 71,020.00	$ 9,828.00	$ 1,150.85
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
Police Department	$ 69,117.00	$ 67,546.30	$ 66,874.00		$ 2,243.00
Police Ambulance	1,200.00	1,026.72	1,200.00		
Civil Defense	1,494.00	1,575.59	480.00		1,014.00
Fire Department	36,554.00	36,081.32	37,770.00	$ 1,216.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00	100.00	125.00	25.00	
*Inspection of Buildings	2,723.00	2,770.02	2,862.00	139.00	
*Care of Trees	5,114.00	5,033.93	5,122.00	8.00	
*Insect Exterm. and Ivy Control	3,548.00	2,901.67	3,493.00		55.00
*Dutch Elm Disease Control	4,096.00	3,944.68	4,000.00		96.00
Total Protection	$ 123,946.00	$ 120,980.23	$ 121,926.00	$ 1,388.00	$ 3,408.00
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Health Department	$ 15,911.00	$ 14,565.00	$ 16,640.00	$ 729.00	
Public Health Nurse	3,412.00	3,309.59	3,950.00	538.00	
Vital Statistics	375.00	377.00	395.00	20.00	
Inspection of Animals	200.00	200.00	200.00		
Total Health	$ 19,898.00	$ 18,451.59	$ 21,185.00	$ 1,287.00	
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE					
*Dept. of Public Works	$ 12,253.00	$ 12,253.00	$ 10,806.00		$ 1,447.00
*Highway Department	84,578.00	83,687.47	82,300.00		2,278.00
*Road Machinery	7,000.00	7,000.00	11,498.00	$ 4,498.00	
*Snow and Ice Removal	13,000.00	15,198.57	15,740.00	2,740.00	
*Street Lighting	20,072.00	21,032.25	21,932.00	1,860.00	
*Street Signs	2,523.98	2,347.45	2,574.00	50.02	
*Sidewalk Maintenance	3,036.00	3,036.00	2,994.00		42.00
*Sidewalk Construction	1,709.00	1,402.54	5,000.00	3,291.00	
Total Highway	$ 144,171.98	$ 145,957.28	$ 152,844.00	$ 12,439.02	$ 3,767.00
CHARITIES					
Public Welfare	$ 6,500.00	$ 778.35	$ 5,300.00		$ 1,200.00
Aid to Dependent Children	21,060.00	12,481.88	19,105.00		1,955.00
Old Age Assistance	74,095.00	63,627.72	74,150.00	$ 55.00	
Disability Assistance	6,060.00	4,107.69	8,605.00	2,545.00	
Total Charities	$ 107,715.00	$ 80,995.64	$ 107,160.00	$ 2,600.00	$ 3,155.00
EDUCATION					
Vocational Tuition	$ 400.00	$ 255.35	$ 900.00	$ 500.00	
School Department	851,950.00	828,346.21	946,104.00	94,154.00	
Total Education	$ 852,350.00	$ 828,601.56	$ 947,004.00	$ 94,654.00	

	1959 Appropriations	1959 Expenditures	1960 Recommended	Increase from 1959 Appropriation	Decrease from 1959 Appropriation
LIBRARY					
Public Library Approp.	$ 20,320.00	$ 20,319.83	$ 25,015.00	$ 4,695.00	
Total Library	$ 20,320.00	$ 20,319.83	$ 25,015.00	$ 4,695.00	
VETERANS' BENEFITS					
Veterans' Benefits	$ 12,205.00	$ 8,377.41	$ 10,221.00		$ 1,984.00
Care of Veterans' Graves	500.00	300.00	500.00		
Total Veterans' Benefits	$ 12,705.00	$ 8,677.41	$ 10,721.00		$ 1,984.00
UNCLASSIFIED					
Memorial Day	$ 610.00	$ 562.83	$ 600.00		$ 10.00
Printing Town Reports	3,144.00	3,134.02	3,525.00	$ 381.00	
*Public Parks	8,827.00	8,623.89	8,340.00		487.00
*Town Clock	150.00	150.00	150.00		
*Town Dump	9,261.00	6,982.88	6,460.00		2,801.00
*Gasoline Fund	8,500.00	8,527.75	8,500.00		
*Railroad Underpass	100.00	21.68	100.00		
Reserve Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Conservation Commission	300.00	300.00	1,000.00	700.00	
Transportation Advisory Board	100.00		100.00		
Total Unclassified	$ 31,492.00	$ 28,803.05	$ 29,275.00	$ 1,081.00	$ 3,298.00
PENSIONS					
Norfolk County Retirement	$ 15,585.00	$ 15,585.00	$ 15,862.00	$ 277.00	
Total Pensions	$ 15,585.00	$ 15,585.00	$ 15,862.00	$ 277.00	
CEMETERIES					
*Care of Cemeteries	$ 1,500.00	$ 873.47	$ 1,040.00		$ 460.00
Total Cemeteries	$ 1,500.00	$ 873.47	$ 1,040.00		$ 460.00
PUBLIC SERVICE					
*Water Department	$ 44,462.00	$ 44,462.00	$ 52,895.00	$ 8,433.00	
Total Public Service	$ 44,462.00	$ 44,462.00	$ 52,895.00	$ 8,433.00	
INTEREST, DEBT, INSURANCE					
Interest	$ 101,715.00	$ 98,791.81	$ 92,793.00		$ 8,922.00
Bond Payments	222,000.00	222,000.00	217,000.00		5,000.00
Insurance	43,534.00	42,414.52	42,800.00		734.00
Total Int., Debt, Ins.	$ 367,249.00	$ 363,206.33	$ 352,593.00		$ 14,656.00
GRAND TOTAL	$1,803,736.83	$1,738,995.24	$1,908,540.00	$ 136,682.02	$ 31,878.85
	– 41,273.99		– 41,423.90		
	$1,762,462.84		$1,867,116.10		
Deduct:					
Disability Asst. (Fed.)	$ 1,977.00		$ 2,747.25		
A.D.C. (Fed.)	8,477.00		7,697.25		
O.A.A. (Fed.)	29,732.75		29,892.50		
Library (County Dog Reimbursement)	1,087.24		1,086.90		
	$ 41,273.99		$ 41,423.90		

*Department of Public Works

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon Warrant Committee

There will be an open meeting for the discussion of all Articles in the Annual Town Warrant on Wednesday Evening, March 9, 1960 at 8:00 P.M. Meeting to be held in the High School Auditorium.

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